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Applicants: Martens, et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to a final Office Action mailed July 22, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

The response is being filed within the sixth month from the date the office action was mailed. Applicants have filed currently herewith a Notice of Appeal. A petition for a three month extension of time is requested in the Notice of Appeal. In addition, a check in the appropriate amount is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for the Notice of Appeal and the extension of time fee.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.